make appointments against posts which are below Board level, vests with the Board of Directors and the Government has not issued any instructions regarding ban on recruitment to such posts.

List of corrupt persons issued by CVC

†1610. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission have issued a list of some corrupt officers and politicians during the last few days;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has, so far been taken by Government against such corrupt persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Central Vigilance Commission has not issued list of corrupt officers and politicians. The Commission has put on its website, lists of officers of the organised services against whom it has recommended criminal prosecution or major penalty action during the last ten years.

(b) and (c) This Ministry exercises the powers of the Central Government under the relevant Discipline and Appeal Rules, in respect of the officers belonging to the Indian Administrative Service and Central Secretariat Service Grade I and above only.

In respect of the 83 cases against IAS officers displayed by the CVC two cases have been closed on the demise of the delinquent officers. Except in ten cases, further necessary action has been taken after obtaining the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission.

Similar information in regard to other services is not maintained centrally.

Vigilance Cases against Bureaucrats

1611. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vigilance cases pending against senior level officers both at the Centre and State;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) how many such cases are reported regularly;

(c) how long they are pending with CVC;

(d) what steps are being takan to punish the guilty; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a deliberate attempt to shield the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (e) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is the Disciplinary Authority in respect of member of Indian Administrative Service serving in connection with the affairs of the Centre and CSS (Gr. I and above) officers only. The State Governments are competent to take action against members of the Indian Administrative Service for any misconduct committed while serving under the State. Data regarding the number of cases pending against other senior level officers at the Centre including the IAS officers of the respective State Government is not centrally maintained.

(b) As far as this Ministry is concerned, as on date, 14 cases against serving IAS officers and 15 cases against serving CSS (Gr. I and above) initiated by this Department are pending.

The Central Vigilance Commission is not maintaining any separate data in respect of senior bureaucrats nor is the Commission concerned with cases against State Government employees. As on 31.1.2000, 1,512 cases were pending with the Commission for advice out of which 144 cases were pending for six months. The Commission generally takes two months to tender advice in cases which are complete in all respects.

After obtaining the Commission's advice, disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officers are conducted as per the procedure prescribed in the respective Discipline and Appeal Rules. Penalty is imposed on the officers found guilty after consulting the UPSC—such consultation is mandatory under the rules. There is deliberate attempt to shield the guilty.

Proposal for effecting cut in prices of HSD

1612. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: